

Belleville. The combination of Medford and Belleville resulted in the now familiar name of Fordville.

The people of Fordville are proud of their local public schools and the railroad system, which helps to sustain the city. Additionally, the city has a strong farming co-operative system featuring a new grain elevator. Their lively centennial celebration included a parade, street dance, musicals and a fireworks display.

I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Fordville, ND, and its residents on their first 100 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Fordville and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the pioneering tradition alive for future generations. It is places such as Fordville that shaped this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community deserves our recognition.

Fordville has a proud past and a bright future.●

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF TURTLE LAKE, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a community in North Dakota that is celebrating its 100th anniversary. From July 15 to 17, the residents of Turtle Lake, ND, will celebrate their history and the town's founding.

Turtle Lake is a small town in north-central North Dakota with a population of 580. Despite its small size, Turtle Lake holds an important place in North Dakota's history. The founder of Turtle Lake was Peter Miller, the earliest homesteader in the region. Mr. Miller established the Turtle Lake post office in his farmhouse on January 25, 1886, and subsequently formed the first Turtle Lake business by setting up a shop under a lean-to. As other businesses spread throughout the area, the Miller town site was formed. Over the next decade, the post office moved to Wanamaker town site and then finally to the current location of Turtle Lake, north of the lake itself. The communities of the area came together and were incorporated as the village of Turtle Lake in 1907. Turtle Lake is a thriving community today, with a rapidly growing tourist industry that brings visitors to the turtle shaped lake for which the town is named.

I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Turtle Lake, ND, and its residents on their first 100 years and in wishing them well through the next century. I believe that by honoring Turtle Lake and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the pioneering, frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Turtle Lake that have helped to shape this country into what it is today. I believe that the community of Turtle Lake is deserving of our recognition.

Turtle Lake has a proud past and a bright future.●

#### IDAHO'S VERY OWN GUNFIGHTERS

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I would like to recognize a nontraditional Idaho community that although a Federal installation, is as much a part of our State as any other community. The Mountain Home Air Force Base Gunfighters support and execute our military air mission worldwide while devoting time and energy to improve the quality of life on base and off.

In the 1940s, Mountain Home Air Force Base was established and over the next few decades took on many different Air Force missions including bombers, fighters, tankers, and even intercontinental ballistic missiles for a short time. As the needs and overall mission of the Air Force has evolved over the years, Mountain Home has followed suit, proven to be a site of flexibility and superior support, operations, and training. Wings based at Mountain Home have provided air support all around the world and, in times of need like September 11, here at home. The capabilities of the personnel, facilities, resources and organizations at Mountain Home have always been characterized by flexibility, readiness and immediate and forceful global deployment in a tightly controlled and effective command and control environment. Exercising their skills and military professionalism, Gunfighters have not only fought the battles but participated in reconstruction and humanitarian missions in the current conflict in the Middle East as well as other places around the globe where innocent people are suffering from the evils of poverty, economic oppression, and the tragedies of natural disasters.

In a similar way, Gunfighters have proven to be able to "deploy" to the community on base and off at a moment's notice when duty calls. Last year alone, volunteers worked on base more than 100,000 hours valued at \$1.5 million. Many of these individuals already have more than full-time work in the military but have found the time to make a difference to others expecting no compensation. Stories abound of emergency assistance given by members of the military to civilians in Idaho. Recently, two jet fighters escorted a disabled civilian aircraft to safety, averting a possible crash and fatality. Another form of giving that is particularly important to the troops who are deployed is donating blood. I am proud to say that in the recent Armed Forces blood drive, Mountain Home Air Force Base more than doubled its goal and donated a total of 265 units of blood that was shipped directly to Iraq. In addition, the base sent 60 units of a special blood product designed to promote quick clotting to our mobile medical units. What a terrific example of fellow soldiers and families lending aid and comfort to our military men and women across the world.

I offer my sincere thanks and gratitude to our very own Idaho Gunfighters, both at Mountain Home and deployed. You make Idaho proud.●

#### HONORING THE CITY OF CHAMBERLAIN, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I wish to honor and publicly acknowledge the 125th anniversary of Chamberlain, SD, a small city nestled on the eastern bluffs of the Missouri River marking the divide between eastern and western South Dakota.

Chamberlain, located in Brule County in central South Dakota, was founded in 1880. The land on which the town is located was obtained from the Federal Government by means of Civil War script. Once the property was acquired, a small group of men, for whom the streets of the city are now named, established the town. Soon thereafter, it was announced that the railroad would pass through the area, thus bringing a flood of pioneers to the city in search of a new home on the frontier.

The town of Chamberlain grew rapidly. Within weeks, it was home to the Merchant's Hotel, the Brule County Bank and the Dakota Fire and Marine Insurance Company. Chamberlain's post office was established in May of 1881, and the Dakota Register, the town's first newspaper, was founded later that year.

The first church in Chamberlain was the Congregational Church, established under the leadership of Reverend W.H. Thrall. Built in 1881, the structure was donated by Selah Chamberlain, an officer of the Milwaukee railroad and the man for whom Chamberlain was named. The church still stands today as a symbol of unity in this small city. Other denominations, including the Methodists, Catholics, Episcopalians, Lutherans, and Seventh Day Adventists, also established their respective churches in Chamberlain's early years.

Ask any of its residents about the history of Chamberlain and they will probably recount the story of Theodore Roosevelt's campaign visit. Roosevelt and his band of Rough Riders arrived from the west on a very windy day when the air was so full of dust that people could barely see each other as they made their way around the town. Consequently, two cowboys collided on the street and one of the horses was killed in the accident. Roosevelt asked Mr. Lockwood, marshal of the day, if a local cowboy would lend him a horse. The request was overheard by a nearby rancher who promptly offered up one of his. Roosevelt, proud of his new acquisition, rode the horse around town with local boys until he left to continue his campaign elsewhere.

Chamberlain is also known as one of the many places the Louis and Clark Expedition passed through. In mid-September of 1804, the team was greeted by exotic animals, such as jackrabbits, antelopes, mule deer and black-billed magpies, as well as the enormous herds of buffalo, deer, elk and antelope. The path the expedition traveled is now a popular hiking destination for outdoorsmen and history buffs alike.

Like most young communities in the Dakotas, Chamberlain was not without

its share of tragedy and hardship. In the first two years of Chamberlain's existence, the pioneers of the area experienced two of the hardest winters on record. Also, few can forget the typhoid epidemic in 1932. Towns upstream believed an old tale that the water in the river cleansed itself every 20 feet due to its saturation of mud and sand. As a result, many residents diverted their sewage into the river. Unfortunately, this resulted in a widespread typhoid outbreak. In a matter of months, the disease claimed the lives of 33 Chamberlain residents.

Anyone who has traveled the State of South Dakota can attest to the beautiful vistas from the eastern bluffs of the Missouri River. This picture of the river stands as a warm welcome to western South Dakota and is a lasting reminder of the unique treasures and beauty of our State. Perhaps it was this panorama which inspired an early pioneer to write, "I've reached the land of wealth and kine, a home in it may yet be mine."

I take this opportunity to recognize the achievements of the small city of Chamberlain and to congratulate its 2,260 residents as they celebrate their vibrant 125 year history.●

#### HONORING THE CITY OF MADISON, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, it is with great honor that I wish today to publicly recognize the 125th anniversary of the founding of the city of Madison, SD. It is at this time I would like to draw my colleagues' attention to the achievements and history of this charming city that stands as an enduring tribute to the moral fortitude and pioneer spirit of the earliest Dakotans.

Located in the eastern part of South Dakota, Madison is one of the oldest towns in Lake County. The present town of Madison is actually the result of the merging of two cities, Madison and Herman. Lake County was established in January of 1873, and in the fall of that year, the county commissioners selected Madison to serve as the county seat. Interestingly, the town of Madison was not platted until July of 1875, 2 years after receiving its county seat title. The nearby town of Herman was founded in 1878 and a rivalry quickly developed between the two communities.

In 1880, the southern Minnesota division of the Milwaukee Railroad decided to extend the rail line through the region. The area chosen for the tracks, however, missed Madison by three miles but passed through Herman. Herman's close proximity to the trains put Madison's status as county seat in jeopardy. Consequently, Madison residents decided to relocate their town to a new 320 acre plot owned by Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Kennedy, which was in the railroad's path. When railroad officials favored Madison over Herman, the two communities decided to merge into one, thus forming the present city of "new" Madison.

Madison grew rapidly. The move to the new town began in August, 1880, when the J.H. Law building was transported from old Madison into new Madison. Dyer Hardware and the P.H. Harth General Store quickly followed. By the end of 1880, Madison boasted two general stores, a drug store, a livery barn, a blacksmith shop, a carpenter shop, three saloons, and a millinery store.

The area's first newspaper, the Lake County Leader, was established by F.C. Stowe in Herman. In 1880, Stowe moved the printing press to Madison, and in the spring of 1881, Stowe sold the Leader. After passing through a few hands, James F. Stahl eventually purchased the paper. Stahl converted the weekly paper into a daily publication in 1890. Madison's second paper, the Madison Sentinel, began in old Madison in April, 1879 by Joe H. Zane and F.L. Fifield. The Leader and Sentinel were competitors until 1937, when the two combined to form the Madison Daily Leader. Since 1947, the Hunter family has published the Madison Daily Leader, and to this day the paper continues to provide residents with accurate and reliable news coverage.

Among Madison's notable attributes is its public library. In 1905, town residents held a meeting and decided to create the facility. Quickly thereafter, the community raised money, donated books, and secured a room in the building of Mr. John Warren's new bank. The Madison Free Public Library opened its doors in December of that year. Meanwhile, George R. Farmer had been working with Andrew Carnegie to secure additional funds for a library. One month after the opening of the Madison Free Public Library, Farmer received word from Carnegie's private secretary that Carnegie would donate \$10,000 to erect a public library if the city would provide and maintain a suitable site for the building. A site was selected and construction quickly began. On Thursday, November 12, 1907, the new Madison Library opened. In 1960 and 1980, improvements were made to the building. Yet these modifications pale in comparison to the major renovations undertaken in 1994, when the size of the library was increased by 400 percent with a striking architecturally compatible addition. The facility now houses 48,055 books and more than 3,500 audiovisual materials.

Like most communities in the Dakotas, Madison's history is not without its share of tragedy and hardship. On July 4, 1919, "The Reliance," a touring boat used to take people around Lake Madison, set out with a group of 32 passengers to view the fireworks from the water. The ship headed across the lake to hug the shoreline as it always did. Sadly, it struck a sunken tree about 80 to 100 feet off shore. The passengers on board panicked and rushed to one side of the vessel, causing it to capsize. Nine people, including the engineer, drowned in that tragic accident.

Similarly, on the night of April 11, 1980, the Hotel Park caught fire and burned for nearly 8 hours, killing four people. The blaze was so difficult to contain that the National Guardsmen, who were on their weekend drill in Madison, were called in to assist the exhausted firefighters the following morning. Despite these adversities, this resilient community has always managed to recover, rebuild and prosper.

Madison is home to Dakota State University, DSU, founded in 1881 by William H. Beadle. DSU is recognized nationally as a leader in computer and information systems. Additionally, Karl Mundt was a notable DSU faculty member. Not only was Mr. Mundt an extraordinary speech and social science teacher, but he also served in Congress longer than any other South Dakotan. Elected to the House of Representatives in 1938, he remained a Congressman until 1948, when he took office as U.S. Senator from South Dakota. Senator Mundt held that post until 1972, having served 34 years in Congress.

The sense of community, moral fortitude, perseverance, and enduring work ethic that is evident in the people and the history of Madison stands as a testament to the integrity of all South Dakotans. It is my honor to acknowledge the proud residents of Madison, as they celebrate 125 years of history.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN JAMES C. STEIN

● Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and honor Captain James C. Stein, United States Navy, as he retires from the Naval Service. Captain Stein is a Naval Officer of the finest caliber who has established an impeccable reputation in the Navy and with the Senate through his distinguished tour as deputy director of the Navy Senate Liaison Office.

He is a 1982 graduate of the University of Notre Dame. As the midshipman achieving the highest 4-year academic average in the NROTC curriculum, he received the Notre Dame Reverend Hugh J. O'Donnell Award.

A Captain's List flight student, he was designated a Naval Aviator in 1984. His initial squadron tours were with Patrol Squadron 26, Patrol Squadron 30 as a Fleet Replacement Squadron Instructor Pilot, and as a department head with Patrol Squadron 10. He served as the Assistant Navigator in USS *Ranger*, CV-61, during Operation Desert Storm, was selected as the 1991 Pacific Fleet Shiphandler of the Year, and ultimately earned designation as a Surface Warfare Officer.

While ashore, Captain Stein earned a master of arts degree in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College. He served on the chief of Naval Operations' staff as the